

Minutes of the meeting of the Cross Country Committee of Athletics Otago held in the Athletics Otago Club Room at the Caledonian on Monday 1st August 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Greg Johnston – Chair (Leith), Alan Funnell (Leith), Kevin Murphy (Hill City Uni), Dave Crewe (Ariki), Andrew Glennie (Caversham).

Apologies: Tamsyn Hayes (Executive Officer), Peter Bromley (Ariki)

Absent:

Minutes: *“Moved that the minutes of 4 July 2016 meeting be taken as read.”*

K Murphy/A Glennie Carried

Matters arising from the previous minutes: Brent Halley has been sent an email to pay Waikouaiti Racing Club.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

“Moved that the minutes of the 4 July 2016 meeting are a true and correct record of the meeting.”

A Funnell/K Murphy Carried

Correspondence

Inwards & Outwards

Various emails regarding feedback to do with Edmond Cup – the situation with Bryce Watts is going to be handled at next Board meeting.

Lin Rayner QSM’s death notice announced – a minutes silence. Bereavement card to be sent.

G Johnson/A Funnell Carried

General Business:-

Review of:

- **Edmond Cup** – it was suggested that ribbons be handed out to under 8yrs old competitor, similar to what they do at the Children’s Cross Country Series. All agreed with this idea. The actual main course needs to be all set up or supervised by a graded official.
- **Otago Cross Country Champs** – event went well. There is a large amount of trophies for this event and these need to be sorted out and made relevant to today’s competitive scene.
- **Peninsula Relay** – went quite well. The organisers have been complimented by the social teams that participated in way of emails saying they look forward to coming back next year. Most agreed it was good to open up event to social teams, gyms etc and can look at promoting this further next year. Suggestion that we put cones along the 50metres of road between Weir Road and the corner of Harrington (last leg). This was thought necessary to make it safer for the runners and drivers.
- **Children’s Cross Country** – run by Leith. About 50 children turned up – so numbers were down a bit from the previous month. It was a very cold day and Alan Funnell reported that some of the kids suggested it was the best course so far. Dave Crewe suggested that Rotary Park was also a very popular course.
- **Winter Programme** – Road Champs are to be held on 20th August at Forbury Park with staggered starts. Markings for the start will be put down by Greg beforehand by way of spray paint dot and chalk line on the day. The walk race on Victoria Road will be a 1km circuit. Waiting to hear back from Forbury Park venue as to if we can use it for power etc. There will probably be a requirement for 2 marshals to be provided from each club.

- **Cadburys Marathon** – being the Otago Marathon Champs, race referees have all been organised and the event committee has been informed. And Andrew is to check re the medal presentation for the Otago Champs.
- **Port Road Race 31st Jan 2017** – letter to be sent to Sports Otago asking permission for Annelies to help with this event. Stacey Pearson (Shoe Clinic) and Sarah Warner (Hill City) to also be contacted to see if they can go on the organising Committee. Alan Funnell has volunteere his services to drive this.
- **Centre** – needs to be purchasing a laptop to have combined use by Childrens Athletics, Summer and Winter. (Mike Jowsey used his own laptop to sychonize finish etc). For winter all results programmes, trophie presentations etc be loaded and officials educated in its use. Bryce stated Chlldrens Athletics would contribute to the cost. Laptop would need 8GB of ram.

Alan Funnell/2nd Kevin Murphy Carried

- **Winter events** – in future it will be preferred to have the cut-off day being stated as Wed night midnight. Rather than 7am Thursday morning.
- **Suggestion** – that next year during the cross country series of races that we no longer hold a walk event. The reason for this being very poor turnout by the walkers within our clubs. Anybody wishing to walk is welcome to do the open events.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 5th September 2016, 7.30pm

Meeting Closure: 8.46pm

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____